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LEGITIMATE Pregnancy, though countenanced with the Approbation of Parents, Relations, and Friends; tho' the utmost Assistance be contributed to alleviate the numerous Complaints peculiar to that State; and though certain of an agreeable Provision for the Infant, when born, is yet a Condition Humanity commiserates.

SUCH being the Case, under the most favourable Circumstances, what must be that of concealed Pregnancy, where Prudence on the one Hand compulsively dictates the Acknowledgment of a previous Marriage, and Fear of the implacable Resentment of offended Parents on the other, most powerfully forbid it? Certainly, this State of Suspense, Distraction, and Despair of Mind, must excite Compassion in the Breast of every humane Christian.

THIS is confessedly a miserable Situation; yet how much more lamentable and distressed, must the unhappy Condition of illegitimate Pregnancy be, when subject to the irreconcilable Disposition of too rigid Parents or Guardians, and the consequent Shame attending such miserable Misfortunes? No Friend to place a Confidence in, to procure the least necessary Assistance—no Retreat for Peace of Mind—but Grief and Despair the only Prospect in view, urging on to the fatal Consequence of an irretrievable, rash Resolution.

UPON cool, deliberate Reflection, what a Subject of sorrowful Contemplation must this untimely Period of an unfortunate Woman be, who might have existed and repented of past Misconduct, been a Comfort to her Kindred, and an useful Monitor to her Sex, had more Lenity been observed, and her Character secured in time, from the malicious Reproaches of base Censure? What can be more barbarous than to triumph over lost Honour and Reputation, when, to delicate Sentiments, Self-Conviction alone is a sufficient Reproof, inflicting a Punishment insupportably severe? Reflect, therefore, but a Moment, upon our own Imperfections; we shall then not only be ashamed of having exulted over the Distressed, but truly condole the Misfortunes resulting from the Frailty of Human Nature.

HUMANITY and Christianity commiserate the Frailty of our degenerate Nature.—Upon which solid Foundation, regardless of illiberal Invective, peculiar to the narrow Notions of presumptive perfect Beings, my Endeavours continue invincibly fixed to preserve, not only Reputation, but the little Babes, from falling a Sacrifice to the uncharitable Censure and Derision of ignorant, base, defamatory Persons, and to prevent the too frequent fatal Effects of Despair, under so many unavoidable melancholy Hours of Reflection, by accommodating Ladies with separate Lying-in Apartments, agreeable to their respective Circumstances.

WHEN first I attempted to assist in this despairing Condition, I engaged Apartments in different Parts of the Town for that Purpose; but the natural inquisitive Curiosity of the Persons who let the Lodgings, the Uncertainty of our being disengaged to attend when wanted, and the Difficulty of procuring sober, discreet Nurses, upon such Emergencies, gave me convincing Proofs that it was impossible for any Person to make good an Assurance of Secrecy, or give the due Attendance absolutely necessary in such Cases, unless under my own immediate Inspection. These disagreeable Inconveniencies determined me to appropriate my own House for the Reception of pregnant Ladies, under a Regulation which I have experienced

rienced to obviate every reasonable suggested Objection, as the necessary Assistance in Labour, the Nurse, and every other Requisite are immediately obtained by the Lady ringing her Bell.

For the Sake of Privacy, the Ladies breakfast, dine, and sup, separately, in their own Apartments, and be waited upon by one attending Servant only.

THE Time for receiving the Visits of Friends is from Ten in the Morning, till Ten at Night.

By depositing the Expence for the Month's Lying-in, and also paying Weekly for the Board and Lodging, previous to the Time, it will not be required to know the Parties.

THOSE regardless of Reputation will not, upon any Terms, be treated with.

Apply to Mr. WHITE, SURGEON and MAN- MIDWIFE; or, Mrs. WHITE, MIDWIFE, at N^o 2, *London-House-Yard*, the North Side of *St. Paul's Church-Yard*.

*** LETTERS (Post-Paid) attended to; and Advice in all Cases, respecting Women and Children.

THE Consolation resulting from this Undertaking, to many of the most reputable and respectable Families in this Kingdom, by securing Peace and Concord among Relations and Friends, is sufficiently conspicuous to be countenanced by the humane, sensible, Part of Mankind: Care, Tenderness, Humanity, Honour, and Secresy, having been the Basis of his Concerns for many Years, may be relied upon.

It will be desired, that the Lady keeps her own Apartment, and let her Door be kept shut, and not to converse, visit, or receive Visits from, any other Ladies that may be, or come into the House, during her Stay; and not to allow the attending Servant any Liberty by Conversation, or leave any Letters, Papers, or any Thing else, such as Wearing Apparel that may have a Mark or Name about it, which may lead to a Discovery, or come into her Room, (unless she rings her Bell) only to do the necessary Offices in the Morning, bring up Dinner, and other Requisites in the Course of the Day.—We only give this as a Caution: For though we bind ourselves up to Secresy, we cannot be accountable for the Misconduct of others, as Things laid about, or a Word spoke out of Place, may bring about a Knowledge of Parties, to their great Hurt and Detriment.

**The EXPENCE of the Month's Lying-in,
exclusive of LODGING.**

The LADY's Board	_____	_____	£. s. d.
			4 4 0
_____ Washing	_____	_____	1 4 0
The Nurse's Wages	_____	_____	1 12 0
_____ Board	_____	_____	1 8 0
Mr. and Mrs. WHITE's Assistance in Labour, as desired, or the Case may require, and Attendance during the Month	_____	_____	} 4 4 0
			£ 12 12 0

N. B. The Lady's Board, exclusive of Lodging, previous or subsequent to the Time of her Labour, will be One Pound One Shilling per Week, with Attendants.

If agreeable to Parties, we take Children, and adopt them as our own, on a stipulated Agreement: or take them into our general Nursery on the Account of the Parents, by their advancing six Months Pay, and finding them in Cloaths.

THE Parents may always have resort to their Children, with the greatest Secresy, to see that they are humanely and tenderly treated.

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